

**The Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners
Board Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners was held on May 20, 2011, at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736 in Montgomery, Alabama with chairman and secretary present.

Board Chair, Leisa Askew, called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

There was a quorum of members present including:
District III representative Leisa Askew - Board Chair
District VI representative Mandy Andrews- Board Secretary
District II representative William Wright
District IV representative Paula Johnson
District V representative Esophia Clayborn
District VII representative James Ware

Sharon Argiro, District 1 representative, was not present at the meeting.

Executive Director Brenda Holden was present for the entire meeting. Ellen Leonard, Attorney for the Board, was present from the beginning of the meeting until 11:25 AM.

Unless otherwise specified, all votes were taken by a show of hands. Proper notice for the meeting was provided to the Secretary of State and posted on the Secretary of State website.

Approval of Minutes:

A copy of the minutes from the March 25, 2011 Board Meeting was distributed and reviewed. James Ware made a motion to approve the minutes as they stand. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Brenda Holden provided an update from the ASWB Meeting held in Vancouver. Ms. Holden also reported that the Sunset Audit was complete. The auditor did request some additional information which was provided. The report is being finalized.

Old Board Business:

- a. Ms. Brenda Holden reported that there are two open complaints. An agreement is pending for one of the complaints. The Board is scheduled to vote on the second complaint. No complaints are pending.

- b. The Board reviewed and approved the list of new social work licensees. Paula Johnson made a motion to accept the list of new social work licensees. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. The Board reviewed the Hearing Officer's recommendation regarding Kelli King's licensure. James Ware made a motion to revoke Ms. King's license as recommended by the Hearing Officer. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Paula Johnson, Esophia Clayborn, William Wright, Leisa Askew, and James Ware. Mandy Andrews abstained from the vote.

New Board Business:

- a. Paula Johnson recently spoke at a job fair in Gadsden at the Alabama Extension Office. Mandy Andrews recently spoke at a Crisis Intervention class at the University of Alabama School of Social Work. Leisa Askew recently spoke with DHR and DPH employees for Lee and Russell Counties.
- b. The Board discussed a request from Shateka Provo to approve her LBSW application. At 10:02, James Ware made a motion to enter Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss the good name and character of an individual. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Mandy Andrews, Paula Johnson, Esophia Clayborn, William Wright, Leisa Askew, and James Ware. Opposing the motion: None. At 10:17, Paula Johnson made a motion to rise from Executive Session. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Mandy Andrews, Paula Johnson, Esophia Clayborn, William Wright, Leisa Askew, and James Ware. Opposing the motion: None. Paula Johnson made a motion to allow Ms. Provo to sit for the LBSW examination. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- c. The Board discussed a request from Joanna Stone to approve her LGSW application. At 10:30, Paula Johnson made a motion to enter Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes to discuss the good name and character of an individual. William Wright seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Mandy Andrews, Paula Johnson, Esophia Clayborn, William Wright, Leisa Askew, and James Ware. Opposing the motion: None. At 10:47, Paula Johnson made a motion to rise from Executive Session. James Ware seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Mandy Andrews, Paula Johnson, Esophia Clayborn, William Wright, Leisa Askew, and James Ware. Opposing the motion: None. James Ware made a motion to allow Ms. Provo to sit for the LGSW examination. Paula Johnson seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion: Paula Johnson, Esophia Clayborn, William Wright, James Ware, and Leisa Askew. Mandy Andrews abstained from the vote.
- d. The Board discussed a request from Wanda Davidson to be allowed to sit for the LCSW exam without an LGSW. Paula Johnson made a motion to

- deny the request based on Section 850-X-6-.01 of the Administrative Code of the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners. William Wright seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- e. The Board postponed discussion of the request from Lucy Ship for reinstatement of her license. Ms. Ship was unable to attend the meeting.
 - f. The Board discussed the Governor's Proclamation for social work services for the recent tornado victims by out-of-state licensed social workers.
 - g. The Board discussed the issue regarding the use of the Advanced Generalist Examination for the LCSW being questioned by the ASWB. The Board will review information from the ASWB and revisit this issue at a later date.

PIP Applications:

- a. Carmen Nadia Woods was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- b. Tammye Brammer was approved for Social Casework. Her request for Clinical Social Work and Community Organization was denied.
- c. Amy Burks was approved for Social Casework and Clinical Social Work pending clarification to be obtained by Brenda Holden.
- d. Melba Crawford was denied Community Organization, Social Work Research, and Social Work Administration.
- e. Lisa Forman was approved for Social Casework.
- f. Susan Lawless was approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, and Social Work Administration.
- g. Leah Lucas was approved Clinical Social Work.
- h. Amy McMahan was approved Clinical Social Work.
- i. Janet Morrison was approved Social Casework and Clinical Social Work.
- j. Esther Schuster was approved Social Casework, Clinical Social Work, and Social Work Administration. Her request for Community Organization was denied.

Other Requests:

- a. The Board approved CE for the following education programs provided by INR: ADHD in Adults; Women's Health: Mood Swings; Pet Therapy; Positive Psychology; Psychology of Aging; Spirituality and Healing; Stress and Depression; and Understanding Anger. The Board denied CE for the following education programs provided by INR: Living to be 100 and Meditation.
- b. The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Yolette A. Clark for clarification on the need to repeat LBSW supervision. James Ware made a motion that Ms. Clark does not need to repeat supervision. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board recessed for a 10 minute break at 11:10 AM. The Board came back into session at 11:20 AM.

Paula Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:06 PM. Esophia Clayborn seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2011 at 9:30 AM in the Board Conference Room.

Board Chair

Board Secretary

Leisa Askew

Mandy Andrews